

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

In re: City of Detroit, Michigan, Debtor.	Bankruptcy Case No. 13-53846 Judge Thomas J. Tucker Chapter 9
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CITY OF DETROIT'S OBJECTION TO CLAIM NUMBER 3795

The City of Detroit, Michigan (“City”) files its *City of Detroit’s Objection to Claim Number 3795* (“Objection”). Proof of claim number 3795 (“Claim 3795,” attached as Exhibit 6-1) does not state a claim amount or identify a valid basis for any liability of the City and thus should be disallowed and expunged.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. This Court has jurisdiction over this Objection pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and Article VII, Section A of the Plan (defined below). This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). Venue is proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

BACKGROUND FACTS

2. On July 18, 2013, the City filed a petition for relief in this Court, thereby commencing the largest Chapter 9 bankruptcy case in history.

3. On October 14, 2014, Rama Rao & Alfred, Inc. (“Rama Rao”) filed Claim 3765 with the City’s claim agent.

4. On October 22, 2014, the City filed the *Eighth Amended Plan of the Adjustment of Debts of the City of Detroit (October 22, 2014)* [Doc. No. 8045] (“Plan”).

5. On November 12, 2014, this Court entered an Order confirming the Plan [Doc. No. 8272]. The Plan became effective on December 10, 2014.

ARGUMENT

6. Claim 3795 does not list an amount sought or even state that the amount is unknown. It merely contains what appears to be a portion of a title page from a document and a list of several contracts. The City has no reason to believe it has any liability to Rama Rao.

7. Because Claim 3795 neither identifies a claim amount nor identifies a valid basis for City liability, Claim 3795 should be disallowed and expunged.

October 27, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Marc N. Swanson

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EXHIBIT LIST

Exhibit 1 Proposed Order

Exhibit 2 Notice of Objection

Exhibit 3 None

Exhibit 4 Certificate of Service

Exhibit 5 None

Exhibit 6-1 Claim 3795

EXHIBIT 1

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
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**[PROPOSED] ORDER SUSTAINING
CITY OF DETROIT'S OBJECTIONS TO CLAIM NUMBER 3795**

This matter having come before the Court on the *City of Detroit's Objection to Claim Number 3795* ("Objection") upon proper notice and a hearing, the Court being fully advised in the premises, and there being good cause to grant the relief requested,

THE COURT ORDERS THAT:

1. The Objection is sustained.
2. Proof of claim number 3795 is disallowed and expunged.
3. The City's claims agent is authorized to update the claims register in accordance with the terms of this Order.
4. The Court retains jurisdiction over any and all matters arising from the interpretation or implementation of this Order.

EXHIBIT 2 – NOTICE

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

In re: City of Detroit, Michigan, Debtor.	Bankruptcy Case No. 13-53846 Honorable Thomas J. Tucker Chapter 9
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NOTICE OF OBJECTION TO CLAIM

The City of Detroit has filed an objection to a claim in this bankruptcy case which may affect you.

The claim may be reduced, modified, or denied. You should read these papers carefully and discuss them with your attorney, if you have one.

If you do not want the Court to deny or change your claim, then on or before December 7, 2016, you or your attorney must:

1. File with the court a written response to the objection, explaining your position at:

United States Bankruptcy Court
211 W. Fort St., Suite 1900
Detroit, Michigan 48226

If you mail your response to the court for filing, you must mail it early enough so that the court will **receive** it on or before the date stated above. All attorneys are required to file pleadings electronically.

You must also mail a copy to:

Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, PLC
Attn: Marc N. Swanson
150 West Jefferson, Suite 2500
Detroit, Michigan 48226

2. Attend the hearing on the objection, scheduled to be held on **December 14, 2016, at 1:30 p.m.** in Courtroom 1925, United States Bankruptcy Court, 211 W. Fort Street, Detroit, Michigan, unless your attendance is excused by mutual agreement between yourself and the City's attorney. (Unless the matter is disposed of summarily as a matter of law, the hearing shall be a pre-trial conference only; neither testimony nor other evidence will be received. A pre-trial scheduling order may be issued as a result of the pre-trial conference.)

If you or your attorney do not take these steps, the Court may deem that you do not oppose the objection to your claim, in which event the hearing will be canceled, and the objection sustained.

MILLER, CANFIELD, PADDOCK AND STONE, P.L.C.

By: /s/ Marc N. Swanson

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Dated: October 27, 2016

EXHIBIT 4 – CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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The undersigned hereby certifies that on October 27, 2016, he caused a copy of the *City of Detroit's Objection to Claim Number 3795* to be served upon all parties registered for ECF service and by first class mail to the following parties:

Rama Rao & Alfred, Inc.
18447 West Eight Mile Road
Detroit, MI 48219

Dated: October 27, 2016

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EXHIBIT 6-1

Claim 3795

B10 (Official Form 10) (04/13) (Modified)

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT		EASTERN DISTRICT of MICHIGAN	RECEIVED PROCLERK'S OFFICE OCT 17 2014 KURTZMAN CARSON CONSULTANTS COURT USE ONLY
Name of Debtor: City of Detroit, Michigan		Case Number: 13-53846	<input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if this claim amends a previously filed claim. Court Claim Number: _____ <i>(If known)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if you are aware that anyone else has filed a proof of claim relating to this claim. Attach copy of statement giving particulars. Filed on: _____
NOTE: Do not use this form to make a claim for an administrative expense that arises after the bankruptcy filing.		Name of Creditor (the person or other entity to whom the debtor owes money or property): RAMA RAO & ALFRED, INC CONSULTING ENGINEERS 18447 W. 8 MILE ROAD Detroit, MI 48219	
Name and address where notices should be sent: rao @ rra.cc 313-535-9580 Telephone number: _____ email: (313) 535-9580 rao @ rra.cc		<input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if this claim amends a previously filed claim. Court Claim Number: _____ <i>(If known)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if you are aware that anyone else has filed a proof of claim relating to this claim. Attach copy of statement giving particulars. Filed on: _____	
Name and address where payment should be sent (if different from above): RAMA RAO & ALFRED INC 18447 West Eight Mile Road DETROIT, MI 48219 313-535-9580 Telephone number: _____ email: rao @ rra.cc		<input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if you are aware that anyone else has filed a proof of claim relating to this claim. Attach copy of statement giving particulars.	
1. Amount of Claim as of Date Case Filed: \$ _____			
If all or part of the claim is secured, complete item 4. If all or part of the claim is entitled to priority, complete item 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if the claim includes interest or other charges in addition to the principal amount of the claim. Attach a statement that itemizes interest or charges.			
2. Basis for Claim: <u>Contractual Services</u> (See instruction #2)			
3. Last four digits of any number by which creditor identifies debtor: <u>15030 / 2502274 / 1613 / 0977</u>		3a. Debtor may have scheduled account as: <u>15030 / 2502274 / 1613 / 0977</u> (See instruction #3a)	
4. Secured Claim (See instruction #4) Check the appropriate box if the claim is secured by a lien on property or a right of setoff, attach required redacted documents, and provide the requested information.		Amount of arrearage and other charges, as of the time case was filed, included in secured claim, if any: <u>\$ 0.00</u>	
Nature of property or right of setoff: <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate <input type="checkbox"/> Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Other Describe: _____		Basis for perfection: <u>U</u>	
Value of Property: \$ _____		Amount of Secured Claim: \$ <u>0.00</u>	
Annual Interest Rate (when case was filed) % <input type="checkbox"/> Fixed or <input type="checkbox"/> Variable		Amount Unsecured: \$ <u>0.00</u>	
5. Amount of Claim Entitled to Priority as an Administrative Expense under 11 U.S.C. §§ 503(b)(9) and 507(a)(2). \$ _____			
5b. Amount of Claim Otherwise Entitled to Priority. Specify Applicable Section of 11 U.S.C. § _____ \$ _____			
6. Credits. The amount of all payments on this claim has been credited for the purpose of making this proof of claim. (See instruction #6)			
7. Documents: Attached are redacted copies of any documents that support the claim, such as promissory notes, purchase orders, invoices, itemized statements of running accounts, contracts, judgments, mortgages, security agreements, or, in the case of a claim based on an open-end or revolving consumer credit agreement, a statement providing the information required by FRBP 3001(c)(3)(A). If the claim is secured, box 4 has been completed, and redacted copies of documents providing evidence of perfection of a security interest are attached. (See instruction #7, and the definition of "redacted".) DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. ATTACHED DOCUMENTS MAY BE DESTROYED AFTER SCANNING. If the documents are not available, please explain: _____			
8. Signature: (See instruction # 8) Check the appropriate box.			
<input type="checkbox"/> I am the creditor. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I am the creditor's authorized agent. <input type="checkbox"/> I am the trustee, or the debtor, or their authorized agent. <input type="checkbox"/> I am a guarantor, surety, indorser, or other codebtor. (See Bankruptcy Rule 3005.) (See Bankruptcy Rule 3004.)			
I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this claim is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and reasonable belief. Print Name: <u>RAMA RAO V.C. CHERUKURI, P.E.</u> Title: <u>President</u> Company: <u>RAMA RAO & ALFRED INC</u> Address and telephone number (if different from notice address above): _____			
313-535-9580 rao @ rra.cc Telephone number: _____ email: rao @ rra.cc		313-585-3967 (Cell) (Signature) <u>Rama Rao V.C. Cherukuri</u> (Date) <u>10/8/2014</u>	

Penalty for presenting a fraudulent claim: Fine of up to \$500,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years.

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<u>Name of Counterparty</u>	<u>Vendor #</u>	<u>Contract #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>City Department</u>
RAMA RAO & ALFRED INC	15030	2500977	A/E SERVICE BLUEHILL STATION ADDITIONS	NO DEPARTMENT INDICATED DWSD
RAMA RAO & ALFRED INC	15030	2502274	A/E SERVICES WATER WORKS	NO DEPARTMENT INDICATED DWSD
RAMA RAO & ALFRED INC	15030	2767688	A/E SERVICES CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES IT PPL